### Report of the Kew Observatory Committee for the Year ending December 31, 1899.

The operations of the Kew Observatory, in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, Surrey, are controlled by the Kew Observatory Committee, which is constituted as follows:—

### Mr. F. Galton, Chairman.

Captain Sir W. de W. Abney,
K.C.B., R.E.
Prof. W. G. Adams.
Captain E. W. Creak, R.N.
Prof. G. C. Foster.
Prof. J. Perry.
The Earl of Rosse, K.P.
Prof. A. W. Rücker.
Dr. R. H. Scott.
Mr. W. N. Shaw.
Lieut.-General Sir R. Strachey,
G.C.S.I.
Rear Admiral Sir W. J. L. Wharton, K.C.B.

The work at the Observatory may be considered under the following heads:—

- I. Magnetic observations.
- II. Meteorological observations.
- III. Seismological observations.
- IV. Experiments and Researches in connexion with any of the departments.
  - V. Verification of instruments.
- VI. Rating of Watches and Marine Chronometers.
- VII. Miscellaneous.

### I. MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.

The Magnetographs have been in constant operation throughout the year, and the usual determinations of the Scale Values were made in January.

The ordinates of the various photographic curves representing Declination, Horizontal Force, and Vertical Force were then found to be as follows:—

Declinometer: 1 cm. =  $0^{\circ} 8' \cdot 7$ .

Bifilar, January, 1899, for 1 cm.  $\delta H = 0.00051$  C.G.S. unit. Balance, January, 1899, for 1 cm.  $\delta V = 0.00052$  C.G.S. unit.

In the case of the Vertical Force instrument it was found necessary to re-adjust the magnet, and at the same time its sensibility was slightly altered, after which the scale value was again determined with the following result:—

Balance, January 26th, 1899, for 1 cm.  $\delta V = 0.00049$ .

With regard to magnetic disturbances, no very large movements have been registered during the year. Some of the principal oscillations recorded took place on the following dates:—

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January 28—29; February 12; March 10, 22, and 23; April 18—19; May 3—5; June 27—29; September 26—27; and October 23.
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The hourly means and diurnal inequalities of the magnetic elements for 1899, for the quiet days selected by the Astronomer Royal, will be found in Appendix I. A correction has been applied for the diurnal variation of temperature, use being made of the records from a Richard thermograph as well as of the eye observations of a thermometer placed under the Vertical Force shade.

The mean values at the noons preceding and succeeding the selected quiet days are also given, but these of course are not employed in calculating the daily means or inequalities.

The following are the mean results for the entire year:

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      Mean Westerly Declination
      16° 57′·1.

      Mean Horizontal Force
      0·18393 C.G.S. unit.

      Mean Inclination
      67° 14′·7.

      Mean Vertical Force
      0·43852 C.G S. unit.
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In September, in consequence of an accident, the two dip needles long in use had to be replaced by two others obtained from Mr. A. W. Dover in 1897. As a careful comparison of the data obtained before and after the accident showed that the difference of the inclinations given by the new and old needles if existent was less than the probable error of observation, no correction has been applied.

Observations of Absolute Declination, Horizontal Intensity, and Inclination have been made weekly, as a rule.

A table of recent values of the magnetic elements at the Observatories whose publications are received at Kew will be found in Appendix IA.

A course of practical instruction in the taking of magnetic observations has been given to Mr. Henkel, of Markree Observatory, and to Lieutenants Nares and Waugh, of the Royal Navy. The method of reducing the vertical force curves has been explained to Mr. Kitto, Superintendent of Falmouth Observatory.

Captain Creak, R.N., made some preliminary experiments with a modified form of Fox Circle, and Captain Denholm Fraser, R.E.,

experimented on the relative merits of silk and phosphor bronze as the suspension for magnets.

Open scale magnetographs, devised by Mr. W. Watson for the purpose of testing the disturbing action of electric railways, were in operation for a few days in December under Mr. Watson's supervision.

Dr. van Rijckevorsel visited the Observatory in June and September, and observed with his magnetic instruments, in pursuance of his scheme for the intercomparison of standard instruments at various Observatories.

Dr. L. A. Bauer also took magnetic observations in September and November with instruments belonging to the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Advice has been given to Captain Fraser, R.E., with respect to the equipment for a magnetic survey of India, and to the Surveyor General, Wellington, New Zealand, in relation to the erection of a magnetic observatory in New Zealand, and the carrying out of a magnetic survey there. At the request of the Agent General, a complete set of magnetographs has been ordered from Mr. P. Adie for New Zealand, and the unifilar magnetometer and dip circle, previously lent to Melbourne Observatory, have been lent for two years to the New Zealand Government.

During the absence of Mr. T. W. Baker on inspection work during part of September and October, the magnetic work was intrusted to Mr. R. Forsyth, Royal College of Science, who was temporarily engaged for the purpose.

The magnetic work as a whole has been unusually onerous throughout the year, and it seems likely to continue heavy for some time, as an exceptionally large number of magnetic instruments have been ordered by foreign and colonial institutions with the expressed intention of having them verified at the Observatory.

Opportunities present themselves from time to time of getting valuable observations made by travellers and others if they are supplied with the necessary instruments. In order to be able to take advantage of such opportunities, by lending instruments to competent observers, when it may seem desirable to do so, the Committee have obtained a unifilar magnetometer and a dip circle from Mr. A. W. Dover. The expense was defrayed by a special grant, amounting to £86 5s., from the Government Grant Committee.

### II. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

The several self-recording instruments for the continuous registration of Atmospheric Pressure, Temperature of Air and Wet-bulb, Wind (direction and velocity), Bright Sunshine, and Rain have been maintained in regular operation throughout the year, and the standard eye observations for the control of the automatic records have been duly registered. The monthly mean values are given in Appendix II.

The tabulations of the meteorological traces have been regularly made, and these, as well as copies of the eye observations, with notes of weather, cloud, and sunshine, have been transmitted, as usual, to the Meteorological Office.

With the sanction of the Meteorological Council, data have been supplied to the Council of the Royal Meteorological Society, the Institute of Mining Engineers, and the editor of 'Symons' Monthly Meteorological Magazine.'

*Electrograph*.—This instrument worked generally in a satisfactory manner during the year.

The "setting" of the electrometer needle, mentioned in last year's 'Report,' has been considerably reduced, and the working of the instrument improved, by the removal of the large glass cup, with a diameter of 100 mm.—used for holding the sulphuric acid—and the substitution for it of a small glass beaker, with a diameter of 40 mm., resting upon a disc of paraffin, and containing about 35 c.c. of acid. The acid and accumulated moisture is removed at frequent intervals.

Scale value determinations were made on January 24, May 12, July 21, and November 7, and in addition the potential of the battery has been tested weekly. Forty cells only have been employed throughout the year.

A battery of thirty-six Clark cells has been purchased from Messrs. Muirhead on behalf of the Meteorological Council, with the hope of thereby introducing greater certainty into the interpretation of the records.

With the sanction of the Meteorological Council, the electrograms for the year 1897 have been lent to Mr. C. T. R. Wilson, of Sidney-Sussex College, Cambridge.

Inspections.—In compliance with the request of the Meteorological Council, the following Observatories and Anemograph Stations have been visited and inspected:—Stonyhurst, Fleetwood, Armagh, Dublin, Valencia, Falmouth, and Fort William, by Mr. Baker; and Radcliffe Observatory (Oxford), Yarmouth, North Shields, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Deerness (Orkney), by Mr. Constable.

### III. Seismological Observations.

Professor Milne's "unfelt tremor" pattern of seismograph has been maintained in regular operation throughout the year; particulars of the time of occurrence and the amplitude in seconds of arc of the largest movements are given in Appendix III, Table I.

The disturbance (No. 145) on September 10 was particularly notice-

able; the range was beyond the limits of the instrument to record definitely, but the maximum exceeded 11 seconds of arc.

During November the action of the boom became sluggish, and the records for some time were doubtful. It was ultimately found, after consultation with Professor Milne, that a part of the edge of the agate cup resting on the pivot was scratched and jagged. This defect was remedied by moving the weight and tie piece round through 45°, and so bringing a different part of the agate cup on to the pivot. The general working has since been satisfactory.

The remarks made in last year's 'Report' as to the uncertainty of the time measurements still hold good, and no attempt is made to give these values to nearer than 0.1 minute.

A detailed list of the movements recorded from April, 1898, to March, 1899, was made and sent to Professor Milne, and will be found in the 'Report' of the British Association for 1899, "Seismological Investigations Committee's Report."

It is proposed to tabulate the disturbances for the remainder of 1899 in a similar manner.

### IV. EXPERIMENTAL WORK.

Fog and Mist.—The observations of a series of distant objects, referred to in previous 'Reports,' have been continued. A note is taken of the most distant of the selected objects which is visible at each observation hour.

Atmospheric Electricity.—The comparisons of the potential, at the point where the jet from the water-dropper breaks up, and at a fixed station on the Observatory lawn, referred to in last year's 'Report,' have been continued, and the observations have been taken three or four times every month.

Platinum Thermometry.—The results of the comparison of platinum and gas thermometers at Sèvres, referred to in last year's 'Report,' were worked up by Dr. Chappuis and Dr. Harker, and embodied in a paper which was read before the Royal Society in June and will appear in the 'Philosophical Transactions.'

The experiments which were begun in 1895 into the constancy and general behaviour of platinum thermometers have led to the accumulation of a large number of results. These have been dealt with by the Superintendent in a critical paper, which was recently read before the Royal Society.

Towards the end of the year an oil-bath was constructed, from the designs mainly of Dr. Harker, for the purpose of comparing thermometers at high temperatures. Some preliminary comparisons have already been made in it of a few German and English mercury standards with a platinum thermometer.

### V. VERIFICATION OF INSTRUMENTS.

The subjoined is a list of the instruments examined in the yea 1899, compared with a corresponding return for 1898:—

Number	tested	in	the	year
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		ending D	ecember 31.
		1898.	1899.
Air-meters		1	6
Anemometers		11	23
Aneroids		169	175
Artificial horizons .		9	9
Barometers, Marine.		122	92
" Standar	d	58	85
" Station		55	15
	•••••	374	404
Compasses	•••••	44	43
Deflectors	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3	6
Hydrometers		463	<b>241</b>
Inclinometers		5	9
Photographic Lenses		13	160
Magnets		2	3
Navy Telescopes		681	561
Rain Gauges	•••••	12	19
Rain-measuring Glas	ses	10	44
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Sextants		750	876
Sunshine Recorders.		15	6
Theodolites		26	24
Thermometers, Avita		10	5
	cal	17,962	16,020
	sea	79	19
	Range	56	62
	sometric	38	39
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Duplicate copies of corrections have been supplied in 97 cases.

The number of instruments rejected in 1898 and 1899 on account of excessive error, or for other reasons, was as follows:—

	1898.	1899.
Thermometers, clinical	173	149
,, ordinary meteorological	92	78
Sextants	106	151
Telescopes	60	49
Binoculars	30	21
Various	26	14

Two Standard Thermometers have been constructed during the year.

There were at the end of the year in the Observatory, undergoing verification, 6 Barometers, 450 Thermometers, 24 Sextants, 150 Telescopes, 75 Binoculars, 6 Hydrometers, 2 Rain Measures, 2 Rain Gauges, and 2 Unifilar Magnetometers.

### VI. RATING OF WATCHES AND CHRONOMETERS.

The number of watches sent for trial this year is slightly less than in 1898, the total entries being 469, as compared with 483 in the preceding year.

The "especially good" class A certificate was obtained by 78 watches. The highest number of marks obtained is a fraction lower than the highest obtained in 1898, but the average performance shows no falling off, as appears from the following figures showing the percentage number of watches obtaining the distinction "especially good," as compared to the total number obtaining class A certificates:—

The 469 watches received were entered for trial as below:—

For class A, 362; class B, 86; and 21 for the subsidiary trial. Of these 19 passed the subsidiary test, 62 were awarded class B, and 293 class A certificates, while 95 failed from various causes to gain any certificate.

In Appendix IV will be found a table giving the results of trial of the 50 watches which gained the highest number of marks during the year. The highest place was taken by Messrs. S. Smith & Son, 9, Strand, London, with a keyless fusee tourbillon lever watch, No. 238-99, which obtained 88.7 marks out of a maximum of 100.

Marine Chronometers.—During the year, 56 chronometers have been entered for the Kew A trials; of these 34 gained certificates, and 22 failed.

No movements were sent in for the class B trials, and as the demand

for the B certificate has been very small indeed for some years past, the question of the retention of the class B trial seems to require consideration.

The electrical contact-piece of the mean-time clock "French" failed in its action frequently in the early part of the year. This was found to be mainly due to the unequal wearing of the teeth of the old escape wheel. The clock was sent to Messrs. Dent, who fitted a new escape wheel, &c., and its general performance since has been much more satisfactory.

### VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

Commissions.—The work under this heading has been of a very varied character during the year. The following instruments have been procured, examined, and forwarded to the various Observatories on whose behalf they were purchased:—

1 dip circle and 4 extra needles for St. Petersburg.

1 ,, ,, 1 pair ,, Toronto.

2 pairs dip needles for Upsala.

1 pair , , Mauritius.

1 Kew pattern self-recording Robinson anemometer and sheets, and 1 pocket aneroid for St. Petersburg.

2 Kew standard thermometers and a barograph tabulator for Colaba (Bombay).

A standard Fortin barometer, an astronomical globe, maximum and minimum thermometers, and an ozone cage for Mauritius.

Anemograph sheets, sunshine cards, and rain-gauge forms have been sent to Hong Kong and Mauritius; prepared photographic paper to Batavia, Aberdeen, Fort William, and Valencia, for the Meteorological Office; and to Hong Kong, Mauritius, Toronto, and Lisbon.

Gas Thermometer.—The instrument referred to in last year's 'Report' arrived at the Observatory in February. Prior to its receipt, Dr. J. A. Harker went over to Germany and was shown the methods of using the gas thermometer adopted at the Reichsanstalt, Charlottenburg. The Committee are much indebted to Dr. Kohlrausch and other authorities of the Reichsanstalt for the courtesy shown by them on this occasion. The cost of the instrument, including its carriage and Dr. Harker's expenses at Berlin, was borne by Sir A. Noble, who also kindly expressed his willingness to pay for the auxiliary appliances required in gas thermometry. Owing to the want of a suitable building in which to erect the gas thermometer, the Committee were unable to take full advantage of Sir Andrew's generous offer for the immediate present, and they have been obliged to leave it to their successors, the Executive Committee of the National Physical Labora-

tory, to carry out the final arrangements for the installation of the gas thermometer.

Collimator Magnets.—A critical and experimental paper dealing with the data obtained in the verification of collimator magnets at the Observatory during the last forty years was prepared by the Superintendent, and has been published in the Royal Society's 'Proceedings.'

Discussion on Platinum Thermometry.—A discussion on platinum thermometry having been arranged for the British Association meeting at Dover, Dr. Harker attended, with the Committee's approval, and in concert with Dr. Chappuis gave a summary of their joint work at Sèvres.

Professor Carey Foster and Mr. Shaw also took part in the debate as well as the Superintendent, who had been instructed by the Committee to attend.

Compass-testing Regulations.—In consequence of representations by Mr. J. White, of Glasgow, the regulations for the testing of ships' compasses have been revised. In this process the Committee had the advantage of the advice of Lord Kelvin and Captain Creak, whose views were laid before a sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

At the request of the Danish Legation, the methods employed at the Observatory for the verification of compasses, sextants, and naval telescopes were shown to Commander Clausen, of the Royal Danish Navy, who has charge of the verification of naval instruments at Copenhagen.

National Physical Laboratory.—Parliament having, on the motion of Her Majesty's Ministers, voted a sum of money for the establishment of a National Physical Laboratory, to be under the management of a committee nominated by the Council of the Royal Society, the Royal Society have drawn up, and the Government have approved, a scheme for the organisation of the Laboratory. In accordance with this scheme, the Kew Observatory is incorporated with the National Physical Laboratory, and becomes part of the organisation thereof as from the 1st January, 1900. The Kew Observatory Committee as hitherto constituted ceases to exist at the same date, and its property is to be transferred to the Royal Society. The work of the Observatory will, however, proceed as heretofore, and will be carried on by the existing staff.

The scheme of organisation already mentioned constitutes an Executive Committee as the authority having the immediate management of the National Physical Laboratory, and this Committee includes at present six members of the Kew Observatory Committee. The scheme also provides for the appointment of a Director, who, subject to the authority of the Executive Committee, is to have sole control and direction of the officials of the National Physical Laboratory and of the work done within it. Mr. R. T. Glazebrook, F.R.S., has been appointed to this office.

The Kew Observatory Committee having been incorporated under the Companies Act, 1867, certain legal forms have to be complied with in order to wind it up, transfer its property to the Royal Society, and put an end to its liabilities. The steps required for these purposes are being taken.

Inspection of the Observatory.—An inspection by the General Board of the National Physical Laboratory was arranged for October 16th and 18th, when the Chairman and some other members of the Kew Committee attended at the Observatory to assist in showing it to their visitors. On the second occasion the Observatory was visited by fully twenty members of the General Board, including the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Director of the National Physical Laboratory. By the courtesy of the Mid-Surrey Golf Club, arrangements were made for examining the most likely sites for building afforded by the Old Deer Park.

Library.—During the year the library has received publications from—

- 21 Scientific Societies and Institutions of Great Britain and Ireland,
- 103 Foreign and Colonial Scientific Establishments, as well as from several private individuals.

The card catalogue has been proceeded with.

Audit, &c.—The accounts for 1899 have been audited by Messrs. W. B. Keen & Co., Chartered Accountants.

The balance sheet, with a comparison of the expenditure for the two years 1898 and 1899, is appended.

### PERSONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

The staff employed is as follows:-

- C. Chree, Sc.D., F.R.S., Superintendent.
- T. W. Baker, Chief Assistant.
- E. G. Constable, Observations and Rating.
- W. Hugo, Verification Department.
- J. Foster ,, ,, ,, T. Gunter ,, ,,
- W. J. Boxall "
- G. E. Bailey, Accounts and Library.
- E. Boxall, Observations and Rating.
- G. Badderly, Verification Department, and six other Assistants.
- A Caretaker and a Housekeeper are also employed.

In addition to the above, Dr. J. A. Harker has been employed in the capacity of special assistant to the Superintendent.

(Signed) G. CAREY FOSTER,

Interim Chairman.

List of Instruments, Apparatus, &c., the Property of the Kew Observatory Committee, at the present date out of the custody of the Superintendent, on Loan.

To whom lent.	Articles.	Date of loan.
G. J. Symons, F.R.S.	Portable Transit Instrument	1869
The Science and Art Department, South Kensington.	Articles specified in the list in the Annual Report for 1893	1876
Professor W. Grylls Adams, F.R.S.	Unifilar Magnetometer, by Jones, No. 101, complete	1883 1887
Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S.	Standard Barometer (Adie, No. 655)	1885
Radeliffe Observa- tory, Oxford.	Black Bulb Thermometer in vacuo	1897
The Borchgrevink- Newnes Antarctic Expedition.	Dip Circle, by Barrow, No. 24, with four Needles and Bar Magnets	1898
The New Zealand Government.	Unifilar Magnetometer, by Jones, marked N.A.B.C., complete	1899 1899 1899
C. T. R. Wilson, Esq., Cambridge.	Electrograms for 1897	1899

Kew Observatory. Account of Receipts and Payments (including those of the Liquidator since December 1st) for the year ending December 30, 1899.

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January 19th, 1900.

### Comparison of Expenditure during the Years 1898 and 1899.

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Rent, Fuel, Lighting, &c.	87	16	6	96	4	4	8	7	10			
Caretaker	68	18	0	68	18	0	l					
Incidental Expenses	137	12	1	175	1.1	3	37	19	<b>2</b>			
	1249	4	7	1298	1	4	50	6	9	1	10	0
Normal Observatory:— Salaries—Observations,												
_ &c	336		6	349		3		19	9			
Incidental Expenses	41	1	7			11		17	$_4$			
Prop. Adm. Expenditure	187	10	0	194	10	0	7	0	0			
Researches:-	150	0		904	4.4	10	10	9	10	1		
Salaries	158	8	0	204			46	3	10	95	18	7
Incidental Expenses	64	9	2	{	10	7	7.4	0	0	55	10	. 7
Prop. Adm. Expenditure	375	0	0	389	0	0	14	0	0	1		
Tests:—	010	c	0	0.00	10	0	E1	12	0			
Salaries	$918 \\ 222$	6 9	0 5	969 156		0	51	14	U	65	17	5
Incidental Expenses		-					85	6	9	00	11	J
Prop. Adm. Expenditure	499	4	7	584	11	4	00	O	Э			
Commissions:—							1			İ		
Purchases for Colonial			-	040	٠.	a				100	10	7
Institutions, &c	529	3	1	340						188	10	ó
Prop. Adm. Expenditure	187		0	130	0	0	1				15	0
Seismograph	99	15	0	7.4	77	0	74	11	0	55	19	U
Gas Thermometer				74	11	0	74	11	U			
Magnetic Instruments for				00	_		00	,_	^			
Loan				86	5	0	86	5	0			
Gross Expenditure (showing an increase of £8 2s. 1d.).	3575	12	4	3583	14	5	411	15	8	403	13	7
Extraordinary Expenditure.												
Normal Observatory:-				1								
Incidental Expenses				23	8	0	23	8	0			
Researches:—	7.50			201		• •	10		4.0			
Salaries	158	8	0	204	11	10	46	3	10			
Purchase of Apparatus,	07	٠.	10	- 00	10		1			97	10	7
&c	61	15	10	23	19	3	l			37	16	7
Commissions:							1					
Purchases for Colonial	700		-	040	10	o				100	10	77
Institutions, &c	529	3	1	340	10	6				188		7
Seismograph	55	15	0	P-1	17	0	7.4	77	0	99	15	0
Gas Thermometer				74	11	0	74	11	0			
Magnetic Instruments for				00	ی	0	00	5	0			
Loan				86	5	0	86		0			
	805	1	11	753	5	7	230	7	10	282	4	2
Leaving for Ordinary Nett												
Expenditure	2770	10	5	2830	8	10	181	7	10	121	9	5

### APPENDIX I.

### MAGNETICAL OBSERVATIONS, 1899.

Made at the Kew Observatory, Old Deer Park, Richmond, Lat. 51° 28′ 6″ N. and Long. 0<sup>h</sup> 1<sup>m</sup> 15<sup>s</sup>·1 W.

The results given in the following tables are deduced from the magnetograph curves which have been standardised by observations of deflection and vibration. These were made with the Collimator Magnet K.C. I. and the Declinometer Magnet marked K.O. 90 in the 9-inch Unifilar Magnetometer by Jones.

The Inclination was observed with the Inclinometer by Barrow, No. 33, and needles  $3\frac{1}{3}$  inches in length.

The Declination and Force values given in Tables I to VIII are prepared in accordance with the suggestions made in the fifth report of the Committee of the British Association on comparing and reducing Magnetic Observations.

The following is a list of the days during the year 1899 which were selected by the Astronomer Royal, as suitable for the determination of the magnetic diurnal inequalities, and which have been employed in the preparation of the magnetic tables:—

January	1,	7,	10,	13,	27.
February	4,	5,	7,	8,	18.
March	4,	5,	26,	27,	30.
April	13,	15,	16,	21,	22.
May	13,	14,	24,	25,	29.
June	6,	7,	17,	25,	26,
July	15,	17,	22,	28,	29.
August	12,	16,	18,	19,	23.
September	5,	6,	7,	14,	20,
October	2,	3,	10,	20,	29.
November	$^{2}$	10,	16,	20,	27.
December	6,	11,	14,	15,	24.

Table I.—Hourly Means of the Declination, as determined from the

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
		(16° +)	West	;			Wii	nter.					
1899. Months. Jan. Feb. March. Oct. Nov. Dec.	61 · 3 61 · 4 62 · 1 59 · 7 58 · 3 57 · 5	57 · 9 58 · 0 56 · 9 55 · 3 54 · 5 55 · 0 		58·2 58·1 56·6 55·3 55·2 55·1 56·4	58·3 58·0 56·7 55·2 55·4 55·2 56·5	55.3	58 ·0 56 ·9 55 ·0 55 ·0 55 ·3	55 · 1	57 ·9 58 ·1 56 ·7 54 ·2 54 ·5 54 ·9	58·1 58·5 56·0 53·5 54·1 54·9	58·4 59·1 55·6 53·8 54·4 55·0 56·1	60 ·1 56 ·8 55 ·2 55 ·7 55 ·5	59 · 5 57 · 3 57 · 1 56 · 3
	1				Su	mmer.	1		1	1			AND ASSESSED.
April May June July Aug Sept	61 · 5 62 · 3 61 · 6 60 · 2 61 · 5 61 · 6	56·9 57·0 56·8 56·4 55·5 56·1	57·0 56·7 55·8 55·4 56·0	57·2 56·8 56·5 55·7 55·5 56·2	56.6 56.5 55.4 55.3	55 ·7 55 ·0 54 ·8 55 ·7		53 ·9 53 ·0 53 ·6 53 ·2	53·0 52·6 53·6 52·5 53·6	53 ·1 52 ·6 53 ·1 52 ·8 53 ·4	54 ·7 53 ·3 54 ·1 54 ·1 54 ·4	57 · 2 55 · 5 55 · 7 57 · 0 56 · 4	58 ·1 57 ·9

Table II.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.			
	Summer Means.														
-	-0.7	, -0·8	-0.8	, -1·0	_1·5	-2:3	-3:1	-3·8	-4·0	-3.0	-0.8	+1.8			
	and the second s				Win	ter Me	ins.			and the second second second					
	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-1·0	-1:2	, -1·0	0.0	+1.4			
	Annual Means.														
	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	_1·1	-1.5	-2.0	-2.4	-2.6	-2.0	-0.4	+1.6			

Note.—When the sign is + the magnet

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selected quiet Days in 1899. (The Mean for the Year = 16° 57'·1 West.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
						Wi	nter.						
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,	,	,	,	,	,	,	/	,	,	,	,	,	,
60.5	60.3	59 .3	58.9	59 .3	59.0	58 8	58 .7	58.4	58.2	58.0	58.1	58.0	61.1
$61 \cdot 1$	61.0	60 .7	59.7	58.8	59.3	59 .1	58 .9	58 .5	58.0	58.0	58.0	57 .8	
$62 \cdot 2$	63 .2	62.8	61.0	59 .2	58 .4	57 .9	57 .5	56.9	$57 \cdot 2$	57 .0	56.9	57 .1	62.2
58.6	59.5	59 .3	58 2	57 ·1	56.5	56 .2	56.1	55.8	55 .6	55.5	55.1	55.2	58.9
57 ·8	57 .8	57.1	55.9	55.6	55 .6			54.9	54.6	54.7	54.7	54.7	57.9
57.0	57.3	56.6	56 1	55 .7	55 . 5	55 .3	55.0	54.9	54.7	54.8	54 .9	54.9	57 · 3
59 ·5	59 · 9	59 · 3	58 ·3	57.6	57 •4	57 · 1	56 •9	56 •6	56 • 4	56.3	56 · 3	56.3	59.8
	1				I	Sun	nmer.						
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62.1	63 .9	63 .8	62.5	60 .2	59 .1	57.9	56 .9	57 .3	57 .3	$57 \cdot 2$	$57 \cdot 2$	57 .1	61 .7
$62 \cdot 2$	62 .7	62 .1	60 .2	58 .9	58 ·1	57.7	57.7	57.7	57 .5	57.4			
61.0	62.2	62.7	61 .9	60.6	59 .0		57.8	57.5	57 • 4	$57 \cdot 2$	57 .3		
60.5	61 .4	61 .4	60 .2	59.0	57 .9		57.0	57 · 1	56.9	<b>56 ·</b> 9			
61.0	61 .9	60.8	59 .3	58.0	56 .4	55.9	56.1	56 .2	56 .2	55 .9	55.6		
61.9	62.9	62 .3	60.1	58.3	57 .0	56.6	56 •4	56.5	56 .3	56.3	56.2	56 .1	62.7
61 •4	62.5	62 .2	60 .7	59 • 2	<del>57 · 9</del>	57 ·3	57·0	57 ·1	56.9	56.8	56.7	56 .5	62 · 1

### Declination as deduced from Table I.

Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.
			-		Sum	ner Me	ans.					
+4.3	+5.4	, +5·0	+3.6	+2:1	+0.8	+0.2	-0.2	_0'1	-0·2	-0.3	_0·5	-0.6
					Wint	er Mea	ns.					
+2.5	+2.8	+2.2	+1.2	+0.6	+0.3	+0.1	-0.3	_0·5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0'8
					Ann	ual Me	ans.					-115
+3.4	+4.1	+3.6	+2.4	+1:3	+0.2	+0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0·5	-0.6	-0.7

points to the west of its mean position.

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" east "

Table III.—Hourly Means of the Horizontal Force in C.G.S. units (corrected (The Mean for the

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
0	·18000 +				w	inter.		-	=				
1899.	,	1											
Months.													
Jan	381	381	382	382	384	386	388	338	388	387	380	381	381
Feb	380	385	384	383	384	385	386	388	389	388	383	381	380
March	374	383	383	382	381	383	387	386	387	381	373	368	367
Oct	387	405	406	405	405	405	407	406	405	398	392	387	387
Nov	400	402	403	404	407	409	410	410	407	402	398	394	392
Dec	404	407	406	407	409	410	411	411	411	410	408	406	405
Means	388	394	394	394	395	<b>3</b> 96	398	398	398	394	389	386	.385
		1			Su	mmer.		1	1	,			
Amil	363	386	386	386	387	386	388	386	383	378	372	366	362
April	370	394	393	393	390	390	387	384	376	367	362	361	363
June	376	399	397	396	395	394	395	391	387	381	377	376	377
July	381	397	396	396	397	397	395	391	388	383	381	379	380
Aug	388	401	400	400	399	398	395	392	386	380	375	376	379
Sept	381	404	405	404	403	402	401	397	390	383	374	371	376
Means	377	397	396	396	395	394	393	390	385	379	374	372	373

### Table IV.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.		
					Su	mmer M	eans.							
	+ •00005	+ *00004	+ .00004	+ .00003	+ *00002	+ .00001	- 00002	00007	00013	00018	- 00020	00019		
	Winter Means.													
	- •00001	00001	•00001	•00000	+ *00002	+ •00004	+ *00004	+ .00003	•00000	•00005	00008	00009		
					A	nnual Me	ans.							
	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ •00002	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .00003	+ •00001	00002	00007	0001	- 00014	00014		

for Temperature) as determined from the selected quiet Days in 1899. Year = 0.18393.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				7	Vinter	•					
						÷							
384	388	388	384	380	384	385	386	385	384	383	383	384	388
382	387	389	387	385	385	386	387	389	389	388	388	389	382
372	378	382	383	383	382	383	385	384	383	384	385	384	373
389	393	399	402	402	405	406	407	408	408	408	407	408	395
397 406	403	406 406	407	409 409	$\frac{410}{411}$	411 412	$\frac{410}{412}$	408 411	408 411	407	407 410	407 411	39 <b>7</b> 410
400	400	400	400	409	411	414	414	411	411	410	410	411	410
388	393	395	395	395	396	397	398	397	397	397	397	397	391
						s	umme	r.	!		I	<u>.</u>	
365	371	378	386	387	388	394	391	391	392	391	390	391	363
376	385	390	391	391	392	395	399	400	397	396	396	395	378
381	386	391	396	399	400	406	409	408	406	404	402	400	380
385	388	394	399	399	401	403	407	408	406	405	403	402	386
384	390	396	398	399	402	404	410	411	410	407	407	406	385
386	394	401	404	405	406	406	408	406	405	406	406	405	381
380	386	392	396	397	398	401	404	404	403	402	401	400	379

### Horizontal Force as deduced from Table III.

Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.		
					Sur	nmer Me	ans.							
00012	00006	•00000	+ •00004	+ *00005	+ .00000	+ .00008	+ .00012	+ .00012	+ .00011	+ .00010	+ .00009	+ .00008		
	Winter Means.													
00006	- *00002	+ •00001	+ .00001	•00000	+ .00002	+ .00008	3 + .00008	+ .00003	+ .00003	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .0000		
					An	nual Me	ans.				•			
00009	00004	•00000	+ *00002	+ .00003	+ .00004	+ .0000	6 + •0000	+ .0000	7 + .00007	+ •0000	+ .0000	+ •0000		

reading is above the mean.

Table V.—Hourly Means of the Vertical Force in C.G.S. units (corrected (The Mean for the

Hours.	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	0	•43000	+		V	Vinter	•	***************************************					***************************************
1899.													
Months.													
Jan	840	846	845	844	844	844	843	843	842	841	841	841	841
Feb	841	844	843	843	842	843	842	842	841	840	841	841	841
March	848	866	865	864	864	863	862	861	862	861	859	855	850
Oct	863	871	870	869	869	868	867	868	869	869	867	864	861
Nov	820	825	826	827	826	826	826	824	825	825	823	822	822
Dec	827	830	830	830	830	829	830	830	830	829	828	827	827
Means	840	847	847	846	846	846	845	845	845	844	843	842	840
						Summ	er.						
April	843	865	863	863	863	863	863	864	864	864	859	854	846
May	843	861	861	860	860	860	860	862	860	858	851	843	840
June	840	851	850	849	849	847	847	846	846	844	840	837	831
July	852	866	864	863	862	862	863	861	861	859	857	854	847
Aug	841	856	855	855	854	854	854	854	854	851	847	841	838
Sept	855	868	868	867	866	866	866	866	867	865	859	857	855
Means	846	861	860	860	859	859	859	859	859	857	852	848	843

### Table VI.—Diurnal Inequality of the

Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
-					S	ummer 1	Ieans.					
	+ •00003	+ .00062	+ .00002	+ .00001	+ •00001	+ •00001	+ .00001	+ .00001	00001	00006	00010	<b> *0</b> 0015
***********						Winter M	leans.					
	+ •00001	+ •00001	•00000	•00000	•00000	- •00001	00001	•00001	00002	00003	00004	- •00006
						Annual	Means.					
	+ •00002	+ •90001	÷ ·00001	•00000	•00000	•00000	•00000	•00000	10000 -	00004	00007	00010

for Temperature), as determined from the selected quiet Days in 1899. Year = 0.43852.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
	-						Win	ter.		-		-	
-													
841	842	845	847	847	848	846	846	846	845	845	844	844	839
841	839	840	841	842	842	842	843	841	842	841	842	842	841
851	853	861	864	871	874	872	872	871	869	868	866	864	848
861	862	864	871	873	872	871	871	871	871	870	870	870	857
825	828	831	832	831	831	830	829	828	828	827	827	827	821
828	830	831	833	834	834	834	834	833	833	833	833	832	825
841	842	845	848	850	850	849	849	848	848	847	847	847	839
THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF TH				`			Sum	mer.					
843	846	853	859	863	867	869	868	867	866	866	865	864	842
841	846	851	859	862	864	865	864	864	862	860	859	858	835
836	841	849	854	858	859	862	862	860	857	852	849	849	829
847	852	857	860	866	869	871	873	872	870	868	867	865	850
838	843	851	858	862	863	863	861	859	857	855	854	854	839
854	857	863	865	869	870	869	870	870	869	869	867	866	849
843	847	854	859	863	865	867	866	865	864	862	860	859	841

### Vertical Force as deduced from Table V.

Noon	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.
0					Sur	nmer Mea	ıns.					
00015	•00010	00004	+ •00001	+ •00005	+ .00007	+ .00009	+ .00008	+ .00002	+ .00006	÷ •00004	+ .00002	+ .00001
					Wi	nter Mea	ns.					
00005	00003	•00000	+ •00002	+ •00004	+ .00004	+ .00003	+ .00003	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .00001	+ .00001
					Anı	nual Mea	ns.	-				
00010	-·00007	00002	+ .00002	+ .00002	+ .00006	+ .00000	+ .00009	+ .00002	+ *00004	+ •00003	+ .00002	+ .00001

reading is above the mean.

Table VII.—Hourly Means of the Inclination, calculated from the Horizontal

Hours	Preceding noon.	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
		67° ⊣	-			7	Winter	r.					
1899. Months. Jan Feb March. Oct Nov Dec	15·2 15·3 15·9 15·4 13·3 14·7	15·0 15·7 14·4 13·4 13·2	15·3 15·1 15·7 14·3 13·3 13·3 14·5	15 ·1 15 ·8 14 ·4 13 ·3 13 ·2	15·1 15·0 15·8 14·4 13·1 13·0	15 · 0 15 · 7 14 · 4 12 · 9 12 · 9	14 ·9 15 ·4 14 ·2 12 ·9 12 ·9	14·8 14·8 15·4 14·3 12·8 12·9	14·8 14·7 15·4 14·4 13·0 12·9	14·8 14·7 15·7 14·9 13·4 12·9	15 ·1 16 ·2 15 ·2 13 ·6 13 ·0		15·2 15·3 16·4 15·4 13·9 13·2
						Su	mmer	•					
1	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
April  May  June  July	16 · 5 16 · 0 15 · 5 15 · 5	15·5 14·9 14·3 14·8	15.5 15.0 14.4 14.8		15 · 4 15 · 1 14 · 5 14 · 7	15 ·1 14 · 5 14 · 7	15 · 3 14 · 4	15·5 15·6 14·7 15·1 14·8	15·7 16·1 15·0 15·3 15·2	16.6 15.3	16.7	16 ·6 16 ·6 15 ·4 15 ·7 15 ·6	16.6 $16.4$ $15.2$ $15.4$ $15.3$
Aug Sept Means	$\frac{14.7}{15.6}$ $\frac{15.6}{15.6}$	14·3 14·4 14·7	$14.3 \\ 14.4 \\ \hline 14.7$	14·3 14·4 14·7	14 · 4	14.4	14.6	14 .8	15.3	15.7	16.2	16.0	15 .8

### Table VIII.—Diurnal Inequality of the

						_									
Hours	Mid.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.			
		-	and the state of t	·	Sum	mer Me	ans.	Accessor management							
	-0.3	- 0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.8	+1.1	+1.1	+0.9			
	Winter Means.														
	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2			
					Ann	ual <b>M</b> ea	ıns.								
	, -0·1	, -0·1	_0·1	, -0·1	_0'-1	-0.5	_0·1	+ 0 ·1	+0.4	+0.7	+0.7	+0.7			

and Vertical Forces (Tables III and V). (The Mean for the Year = 67° 14'.7.)

Noon.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	Mid.	Succeeding noon.
	-					W	inter.	The second second second					
				-									
,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
15.0	14.8	14.9	15.2	15.4	15.2	15.1	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.2	15 .2	15.1	14.7
15.1	14.8	14.6	14.8	15.0	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8		$15 \cdot 1$
16.1	15.7	15.7	15.7	15 .9	16.1	15.9		15.8	15.9	15.8	15.6		16.0
15.2	15.0	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.5	14.4		14.2	14.2	14.2	14.3		14.7
13 .7	13 4		13 .2	13 ·1		12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.1	13 ·1	13.1	13.6
13 .5	13.1	13 ·3	13.2	13.1	13 .0	13 .0	12 .9	13.0	13.0	13 ·1	13 ·1	13.0	12.8
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15.1	14.9	14.8	14.8	14.5	14.4	14.1	13 9	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.2	14.9
15.1	15.0	14.8	14.5	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.4	14.3	14.3	14.4	$14.5 \\ 13.8$	$egin{array}{c} 14.5 \ 13.9 \end{array}$	$15\cdot 1$ $14\cdot 9$
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### Inclination as deduced from Table VII.

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					Win	nter Me	ans.					
+0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.1	0.0	-0.1	, -0·1	-0·1	, -0·1	, -0·1	-0.1	-0.2
					Ann	ual <b>M</b> e	ans.					
+0.4	+0.1	-0.1	, -0·1	0.0	, -0·1	-0.2	, -0·3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3

the reading is above the mean.

### APPENDIX IA.

Mean Values, for the years specified, of the Magnetic Elements at Observatories whose Publications are received at Kew Observatory.

Place.	Latitude.	Longitude.	Year.	Declination.	Inclination.	Horizontal Force. C.G.S. Units.	Vertical Force C.G.S. Units.
Pawlowsk Katharinenburg Kasan Copenhagen Stonyhurst Hamburg Wilhelmshaven Potsdam	59 41 N. 56 49 N. 55 47 N. 55 41 N. 53 51 N. 53 34 N. 53 32 N. 52 23 N.	\$0 29 E. 60 38 E. 49 8 E. 12 34 E. 2 28 W. 10 3 E. 8 9 E. 13 4 E.	$1897 \\ 1897 \\ 1892 \\ 1898 \\ 1898 \\ 1896 \\ \{1898 \\ 1898 \\ 1898 \\ $	0 25 · 6 E. 9 51 · 2 E. 7 30 · 8 E. 10 19 · 8 W. 18 21 · 9 W. 11 36 · 7 W. 12 37 · 5 W. 12 31 · 9 W. 10 5 · 0 W.	70 40 2 N. 70 40 0 N. 68 36 2 N. 68 43 0 N. 68 53 6 N. 67 47 4 N. 67 45 0 N. 66 35 3 N.	·16514 ·17812 ·18551 ·17467 ·17260 ·18061 ·18045 ·18072 ·18794	·47078 ·50771 ·47345 ·44839 ·44713 ·43921 ·44196 ·44173 ·43408
Irkutsk Utrecht Kew Greenwich* Uccle (Brussels) Falmouth Prague St. Helier (Jer-	52 16 N. 52 5 N. 51 28 N. 51 28 N. 50 48 N. 50 9 N. 50 5 N.	104 16 E. 5 11 E. 0 19 W. 0 0 4 21 E. 5 5 W. 14 25 E.	1897 1897 1899 1898 1898 1898 1898	2 3 · 6 E. 14 5 · 2 W. 16 57 · 1 W. 16 39 · 2 W. 14 22 · 4 W. 18 37 · 5 W. 9 15 8 W.	70 12 · 4 N. 67 1 · 9 N. 67 14 · 7 N. 67 11 · 9 N. 66 17 · 0 N. 66 51 · 8 N.	·20145 ·18511 ·18393 ·18387 ·18930 ·18627 ·19906	· 55975 · 43676 · 43852 · 43737 · 43088 · 43571
Parc St. Maur (Paris) Vienna O'Gyalla(Pesth)	49 12 N. 48 49 N. 48 15 N. 47 53 N.	2 5W. 2 29 E. 16 21 E. 18 12 E.	1899 1897 1898 1897 1898	17 3 · 7 W. 14 58 · 6 W. 8 24 · 1 W. 7 44 · 3 W. 7 38 · 2 W.	65 49 ·4 N. 64 59 ·6 N.	·19717 ·20797 ·21114 ·21114	*42270 
Odessa	46 26 N. 44 52 N. 43 43 N.	30 46 E. 13 51 E. 7 16 E.	\	7 33 ·9 W. 4 47 ·3 W. 9 30 ·9 W. 12 8 ·2 W. 12 4 · 0 W.	62 30 · 9 N. 60 13 · 6 N. 60 11 · 7 N.	·21129 ·22039 ·22111 ·22349 ·22390	·42372  ·39065 ·39087
Toronto Perpignan Rome Tiflis Capodimonte (Naples)	43 40 N. 42 42 N. 41 54 N. 41 43 N. 40 52 N.	79 30 W. 2 53 E. 12 27 E. 44 48 E. 14 15 E.	1897 1896 1891 1896	4 53 · 0 W. 13 55 · 3 W. 10 45 · 1 W. 1 53 · 7 E. 9 26 · 3 W.	60 5 9 N. 58 4 6 N. 55 48 1 N. 56 31 4 N.	•16650 •22398 •2324 •25670 •24075	*38948 *3730 *37775
Madrid Coimbra	40 25 N. 40 12 N.	3 40 W. 8 25 W.	(1906	16 1 · 7 W. 15 56 · 9 W. 17 32 · 3 W.	59 36 ·3 N. 59 33 ·6 N.	- -22658 -22691	-38628 -38613

<sup>\*</sup> Observations taken on site of new magnetic pavilion. In case of Inclination 3-inch needles alone employed.

† In last year's table the Declination at Nice should be 12° 12.8' (not 12° 18.8').

### APPENDIX IA—continued.

Place.	Latitude.	Longitude.	Year.	Declination.	Inclination.	Horizontal Force. C.G.S. Units.	Vertical Force. C.G.S. Units.
Washington Lisbon Zi-ka-wei Havana Hong Kong Tacubaya. Colaba(Bombay) Manila Batavia Mauritius Melbourne.	38 43 N. 31 12 N. 23 8 N. 22 18 N. 19 24 N.	777 '4 W. 9 9 W. 121 26 E. 82 25 W. 114 10 E. 99 12 E. 72 49 E. 120 58 E. 106 49 E. 57 33 E. 144 58 E.	1894 1899 1896 1898 1898 1895 1896 1897 1897 1898	3 39 9 W. 17 22 6 W. 2 18 1 W. 3 10 8 E. 0 22 6 E. 7 45 6 E. 0 33 8 E. 0 51 4 E. 1 18 6 E. 9 43 6 W. 8 20 1 E.	70 34·3 N. 57 58·4 N. 45 52·7 N. 52 30·7 N. 31 33·3 N. 44 22·2 N. 20 55·6 N. 16 33·2 N. 29 37·8 S. 54 27·4 S. 67 22·4 S.	·19979 ·23451 ·32676 ·31166 ·36607 ·33428 ·37463 ·37910 ·36767 ·23900 ·23364	·56646 ·37484 ·33693 ·40634 ·22481 ·32764 ·14326 ·11268 ·20913 ·33452 ·56050

APPENDIX II.—Table I.

Mean Monthly Results of Temperature and Pressure. Kew Observatory. 1899.

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*:	Absolute Extremes.	Min.	ins. 28.841 29.171 29.019 28.885 29.413 4 29.523 29.740 29.262 29.141 29.390 28.486	•
Barometer.*	Absolute	Date.	d. h. 25 9 P.M. 28 9 A.M. 1 10 ", 28 11 ", 28 11 ", 8 10 ", 1 10 5 A.M. 11 7 10 A.M. 3 10 A.M. 3 10 A.M.	•
		Max.	ins. 30-632 30-729 30-729 30-338 30-447 30-474 30-474 30-445 30-445 30-445 30-729	:
		Mean.	ins. 22-843 29-909 30-037 29-834 30-026 30-067 30-078 30-078 30-074 30-074 30-074	30.000
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Thermometer.		Max.	6253 4.05 633.8 71.3 80.6 86.4 84.2 84.2 84.2 62.2 62.2 60.8	•
	-	Max. and Min.	42.6 41.9 40.2 47.7 47.7 51.6 60.9 66.1 66.1 66.1 66.1 47.0 47.0 86.8 86.8 86.1 86.1 86.1 86.1 86.1 86.1	2.09
	Means of—	Min.	37° 386.29 386.29 441.2 443.3 449.8 449.8 449.8	43.4
	M	Max.	447.3 447.63 54.2 59.9 70.7 75.4 66.1 66.1 41.1	6.29
		Mean.	44.28 44.74 47.44 51.5 60.9 66.1 66.1 66.1 66.1 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.8 67.9 67.0 67.	20.6
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\* Reduced to 32° at M.S.L.

This table has been compiled at the Meteorological Office from values intended for publication in the volume of "Hourly Means" for 1899.

Meteorological Observations.—Table II.

### Kew Observatory.

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Ra	Total.	ins.	2.385	2.020	0.560	2.375	1.465	1.610	0.610	0.445	2.165	1.975	3.980	1.255	20.845
Mean	of cloud (0=clear, 10=over- cast).		6.4	5.4	5.4	7.5	6.5	5.5	9.9	4.5	0.9	4.9	0.8	2.2	0.9
	Months.	1899.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals and means.

+ As registered by the anemograph.

Measured at 10 A.M. daily by gauge 1.75 feet above ground.

The number of rainy days are those on which 0.01 inch rain or melted snow was recorded.

In a "gale" the mean wind velocity has exceeded 35 miles an hour in at least one hour of the twenty-four.

In a "calm" the mean wind velocity for the twenty-four hours has not exceeded 5 miles an hour.

Meteorological Observations.—Table III. Kew Observatory.

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pera-	Date.		25	26	22	19	4	15	14		29	14	18	14	:
Minimum tempera- ture on the ground.	Lowest.	deg.	18	13	ი	20	20	28	41	38	82	22	21	9	:
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Bright Sunshine.	Mean percentage of possible sunshine.		1.6	83	33	31	46	51	53	58	44	31	19	17	37
	Total number of hours recorded.	1 4	1. III.	80 54 54 54	119 12	131 0	219 12		264 42	261 42	0 791	103 48	51 36	40 30	1763 30
	Months.	1000	Louisur Termeur	February	March	April	ABM	Inne		S.	Sontombon	October	November.	December	Totals and Means

\* As indicated by a Robinson's anemograph, 70 feet above the general surface of the ground, the original factor 3 being used.

† Read at 10 A.M., and entered to previous day.

‡ Read at 10 A.M., and entered to same day.

APPENDIX III.—Table I.

Register of principal Seismograph Disturbances. 1899.

$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	No. in Kew register.	Date.	Commence- ment of P.T.'s.*	Duration of P.T.'s.*	1st maximum.	2nd maximum.	Amplitude in seconds of arc.	Total duration of disturb- ance.
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<sup>\*</sup> P.T.'s = preliminary tremors. The times recorded are G.M.T.; midnight = 0 or 24 hours. The figures given above are obtained from the photographic records of a Milne Horizontal Pendulum; they represent E-W displacements.

# APPENDIX IV.—Table I.

RESULTS OF WATCH TRIALS. Performance of the 50 Watches which obtained the highest number of marks during the year.

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		Escapement, balance spring, &c.				D.r., fusee, s.o., "Tourbillon" lever +0.6	S.r., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel"	D.r., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel"	D.r., g.b., s.o., "Mariusel"	S.r., g.b., s.o.	S.r., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel"	D.r., g.b., s.o., minute repeater	S.r., g.b., s.o.	G. b., s.o. "Tourbillon" chronometer	S.r., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel"	C	Striy Story Story Holf-Magnetic American	5.r., g.b., s.o., " Marrusel	S.r. g.b. s.o. "Karrusel"	D.r., g.b., s.o., chronograph	S.r., g.b., s.o., "Karrusel"	S.r., g.b., s.o., 'Karrusel'	S.r. g.b., s.o. "Karrusel" +1·6 +2 S.r. g.b. s.o. "Karrusel" +0·4 +1
		Number of watch.				238-99	76656	11112	08647	14846	25534	1095	272874	1899-1	99696	34072 229-309	25574	97747	55167	1099	25577	131067	14467 97263
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Table I—continued.

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In the above List, the following abbreviations are used, viz :-s.r. for single roller; d.r. for double roller; g.b. for going barrel; s.o. for single overcoil; + for gaining rate; - for losing rate.

Table II.

Highest Marks obtained by Complicated Watches during the year.

		Marks	Ma	Marks awarded for	for	
Description of watch.	Number.	Deposited by	Varia- tion.	Position.	Tempera- ture.	Total marks.
			040	040	0—20	0—100.
Minute and split seconds chronograph, repeater, and perpetual calendar, with phases of the moon.	148-99	S. Smith and Son, London	25.9	29.6	14.9	70.4
" "(and clock watch)	13159		9.21	30.3	17.3	65.2
Minute chronograph and minute repeater	2324 153-4 153-5	J. W. Benson, London S. Smith and Son, London	25 ·5 29 ·9 24 ·5	34·0 28·1 27·1	11 ·5 12 ·5 15 ·9	71.0 70.5 67.5
Minute and split seconds chronograph	1099 169340 12609 3483 36352	Montandon-Robert, Geneva Stauffer, Son, and Co., London Baume and Co., London Wales and McCulloch, London J. White and Son, Coventry	33.0 29.5 30.4 29.4 28.3	36.0 35.7 33.5 35.4 32.8	15 17 17 15 18 14 17 9	84.9 82.5 79.7 79.3
Minute and seconds chronograph	254188 21633 29975 6546	Baume and Co., London Rotherhams, Coventry J. Player and Son, Coventry Army & Navy C. S., London	30 4 28 1 27 9 29 1	33.38 35.11 35.9	17.8 16.4 12.5 13.6	82.0 79.6 78.7 78.6

Table II—continued.

			Maı	Marks awarded for	for	
Description of watch.	Number.	Deposited by	Varia- tion.	Position.	Tempera-	Total marks.
			0-40	0-40	0-20	0-100.
Minute repeater	1095 3443 5240	Montandon-Robert, Geneva Wales and McCulloch, London Army & Navy C. S., London	32 ·6 28 ·5 29 ·8	37 ·3 33 · 9 34 · 6	16·1 15·2 12·0	86·0 77·6 76·4
"Non-magnetic"	229-309	S. Smith and Son, London	29.6	36 ·3	19.5	85 -4
	229-308		27.9	35.7	19.5	83 -1
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